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1. FRG REP AT SPC MEETINGS ON MBFR (HOYNCK) TOLD US ON SEPT. 26 THAT BONN IS CONTINUING ITS REVIEW OF THE SERVICE SUB-CEILING ISSUE, AND HE DID NOT EXPECT INSTRUCTIONS ON THE US POSITION FOR THE SEPTEMBER 29 SPC MEETING, AND POSSIBLY NOT FOR THE OCTOBER 2 SPC MEETING EITHER. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT FRG AUTHORITIES WERE NOW LEANING TOWARD COMMON SUB-CEILING ON EACH SIDE ON GROUND FORCES, WITH A SMALL FLEXIBILITY MARGIN TO ACCOMMODATE FORCE RESTRUCTURING. THE ADVANTAGE OF THIS APPROACH IS THAT IT WOULD PRODUCE THE SAME MAXIMUM GROUND FORCE LEVEL ON BOTH SIDES. HE NOTED THAT THE US PROPOSAL WOULD NOT PRODUCE THE SAME MAXIMUM GROUND FORCE LEVEL ON BOTH SIDES. HE SAID FRG ALSO WONDERS AT THE REALISM OF AN OFFER
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TO INCLUDE AIR MANPOWER IN A COMMON CEILING OF 900,000 WHICH, UNDER ALLIED DATA, WOULD REQUIRE THE OTHER SIDE TO REDUCE ITS GROUND FORCE LEVEL IN THE NGA BELOW THAT OF THE ALLIES. HOWEVER HE DID NOT KNOW IF BONN WOULD PROPOSE ANYTHING SPECIFIC

TO REMEDY THIS SITUATION.

2. HOYNCK SAID THAT ONE REASON FOR FRG CAUTION ABOUT REDEFINITION OF FORCES IS THAT REDEFINITION ALONG EASTERN LINES WOULD INCREASE THE DISPARITY IN AIR MANPOWER IN FAVOR OF THE PACT. WITH AIR MANPOWER INCLUDED IN THE COMMON CEILING, THERE WOULD THEN BE INCREASED PRESSURE FROM THE PACT FOR AIR MANPOWER REDUCTIONS. MISSION OFFICER QUESTIONED WHY THE PACT WOULD PRESS FOR REDUCTIONS IN AN AIR MANPOWER DISPARITY IN THE PACT'S OWN FAVOR. HOYNCK REPLIED THAT THE PACT COULD EASILY TAKE SOME AIR MANPOWER REDUCTIONS, GIVEN SOVIET PROXIMITY TO NGA, AND REITERATED FRG VIEW THAT ANY FRG AIR MANPOWER REDUCTIONS WOULD IMMEDIATELY AFFECT COMBAT CAPABILITY. BRUCE

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